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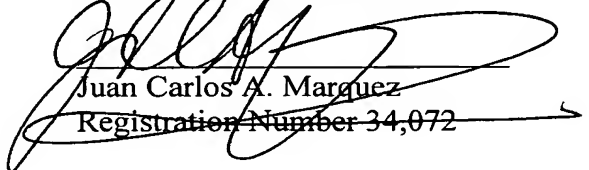
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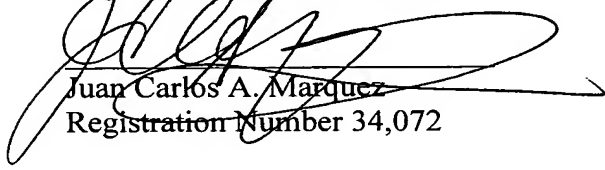
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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Hereinbelow is a summary of the interviews conducted with the Examiner in connection with the above-referenced application.

**Interview Dates:** May 27, 2008  
**Interview Type:** Telephonic  
**Attendees:** Examiner Kavita Padmanabhan  
Juan Carlos A. Marquez  
**Matter Discussed:** Claim 1  
**Exhibits shown:** None

**Discussion/Agreements Reached:**

During the interview, Applicants' representative explained the concept of the present invention and pointed out its distinguishing features, and explained how the prior art, specifically the Miller reference, was very different in its structure and operation. In particular, Applicants' representative argued that the present invention effectively, generated a network illustrating the relationship between terms across first and second queries. Miller, on the other hand, based on its own examples, was in effect several separate queries each of which had its own set of terms associated with it. Each query was in actuality a conclusion or hypothesis. The graphical

representation of Miller simply showed the degree to which each of the terms was considered within the query in order to reach the associated conclusion or hypothesis.

The Examiner in turn noted that she understood how the present invention in general was distinguishable from the prior art, but that claim 1 did not recite the features specifically enough so as to avoid the broad interpretation she is allowed to give the claim in comparing at least claim 1 to the prior art. She suggested that Applicants' representative further amend claim 1 to more clearly recite the features of the present invention, so that she can consider such amendments in a formal response.

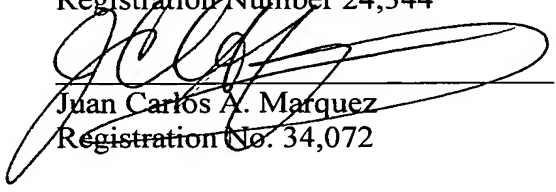
With respect to the formal rejection against claim 12, Applicants' representative pointed out how Figure 8 supports the amendment of claim 12. The Examiner requested that Applicants' representative point this issue out in our formal response.

#### Conclusion

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for her consideration in conducting the above-discussed telephone interviews with the Applicants' representative. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the address and telephone number indicated below.

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